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believed to belong to the unit headquarters, [redacted]

f. Radio station: No changes were observed.

5. Kommendatura:

a. Occupied by about 150 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets without branch-of-service insignia.

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Truck [redacted] was repeatedly observed hauling furniture, carpets and other billeting equipment from the old kommendatura building on 23 March 1950. The other large kommendatura building was still vacant. Nothing was known about its future use.

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b. Passenger car [redacted] occupied by a general and two high-ranking officers and driven by a sergeant with red-bordered black epaulets, left the kommendatura toward the town.

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7. Six prime movers, each towing a gun and occupied by 20 to 25 troops, proceeded towards the autobahn early on 16 March 1950. The troops wore red bordered black epaulets and carried rifles, blankets and equipment. Prime movers, [redacted] were seen.

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8. Fifteen officers with maps were observed at a tactical walk in the Suessenborn-Ipolda (M 52/J 67) area on 20 March 1950.

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9. Three trucks, each occupied by about 20 unarmed soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, went towards Berka on 17 March 1950. [redacted] that the trucks [redacted] were used for training drivers.

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11. A high Soviet unit headquarters was located in the Sofien Krankenhaus in March 1950. There was a large concentration of officers. Colonel General Boldin was identified as the ranking officer.

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12. A Soviet military administration office, headed by Guards General Kolesnichenko, was on Karl-Marx Platz.

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Comment:

a. occupation of barracks.

The report does not indicate any change from the last information of January 1950.*

b. The HQ Eighth Gds Army (Cinc: Colonel General Goldin; location: Sofien Krankenhaus, Weimar) and the headquarters of SCC Land Thuringia (Chief: Gds Major General Kolesnichenko) can be considered confirmed up to March 1950.

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c. [redacted] the 220th Hv Tank SP Regt/ Eighth Gds Army. The regiment was previously confirmed in its military post of Glauchau up to 12 November 1949.

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